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Applicant: George N. VALKANAS et al. Conf.: 7933
Appl. No.: 09/205,297 Group: 1724
Filed: December 4, 1998 Examiner: I. CINTINS
For: METHOD AND PRODUCTS TO ABSORB OIL AND
ORGANIC SOLVENTS FROM WATER AND FROM SEA

SMALL ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

March 28, 2001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response in the above-identified application.

- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
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INDEPENDENT	2	-	3	= 0	\$ 40 \$0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE CLAIM					\$135 \$0.00
					TOTAL \$0.00

- Petition for one (1) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$55.00 for the extension of time.
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 28, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Communication mailed February 26, 2001, the period for response having been extended by one (1) month until April 26, 2001, the following remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims Readable on Elected Species

The claims readable on the elected polymeric species (SEBS) are claims 28, 38, 41 and 46.

The claim reading upon the elected chlorinated solvent (dichloroethane) is claim 32.

Polymer Species

The elected polymer species (SEBS) constitutes a single polymer species. The phrase "trimeric copolymer styrene,